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From: Keri LaBelle [REDACTED]
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Hi Betsy!

Hope all has been well with you and everyone at the drug lab. I am currently taking a class with Julie on the analysis of controlled substances so I often get to hear how everyone is doing in and about the lab. Taking the class with Julie has been very exciting, and I'm learning so much about the history and background of some of the drugs I saw come through while I interned with you guys. I am actually working on the final paper for her class, in which I chose to talk about the impacts of the Melendez-Diaz case on chemists, since I was interning when the results of the case came into light and saw the borderline chaos that ensued. I know that many of the chemists are busy so I was wondering if you or Shirley, or Gloria (couldn't find their email addresses) could give me some first-hand observations which may help me out for my paper. I was mostly wondering whether the outcome was worse or better than expected, and if you guys have found a way to keep up with analyses and court dates. Julie mentioned that you had some luck with one representative for the lab testifying on chemist's behalf, but that it really depended on the county. Hopefully all that court information I added to the subpoena program helped! I really enjoyed my time interning there. Give everyone my best!

Keri LaBelle